REMARKS

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the careful examination of this application and respectfully requests the entry of the amendments indicated hereinabove.

Claims 1 - 20 are pending and rejected. In response to the 35 U.S.C. §112 second paragraph rejection, Claims 4, 15, and 16 are cancelled hereinabove and rewritten into new Claims 21-24. Support for the new Claims 21-24 is provided by the Specification as originally filed (i.e. paragraphs 0019, 0020, and 0022).

The Applicants respectfully traverse the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection of the pending claims as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. App. No. 2005/0128787 to Mouli. Specifically, Mouli has a priority date of 10/03/2003 whereas the Applicant claims priority to the earlier date of 09/22/2003. Therefore, Mouli is not a qualified reference under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

Therefore, the Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejection of Claims 1, 3-7, 9-12, and 14-16 and the objection to Claim 13 and respectfully asserts that Claims 1, 3, 5-7, 9-14, 17, and 19-24 are patentable.

For the reasons stated above, this application is believed to be in condition

for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration is requested.

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